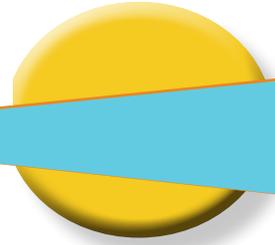




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GOOD NEWS

CASTING A WIDER NET

Church expanding digital communications

In John 21, Jesus' disciples were on a fishing trip. As many fishing trips go, they weren't getting any bites. Jesus was on the shore and called out to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?"

Unlike most fishermen, the disciples tell the truth and admit that they have not caught any fish. They could have talked about "the one that got away," but instead they simply tell the truth.

So, as often happens when a more experienced angler arrives on the scene, Jesus shares some advice, "Why don't you try casting your net on the other side of the boat?"

I often wonder what the disciples were thinking in that moment. Most experienced anglers are confident in their ability and don't really welcome the advice of strangers. Maybe they decided to cast their nets on the other side to prove this person offering advice on the shore wrong.

Then, the unexpected happens. They reel in a haul so large they could not handle it. In that moment, they realize that the One offering advice is Jesus. They rush to the shore and Jesus already has a

meal ready!

One of the things we need to remember is that Jesus didn't call them to get into a different boat, use a different net or change location. This reminds us that casting our net on the other side of the boat doesn't always require dramatic changes.

I believe that we are in one of those moments where Jesus is inviting us to cast our net on the other side of the boat. Casting our net on the other side of the boat will require some tweaks and adjustments to "the way we've always done things," as well as the creation of some new things.

All of this is an effort to become more effective in reaching the unreached in our community. If you visit the pastor's blog on our website, FWSUMC.org, or our YouTube channel, you can find some videos I recorded that share some insights on ways Jesus is inviting us to cast our nets on the other side of the boat.

If we allow ourselves to be open to the leadership and advice of Jesus, we just might find ourselves catching a haul too large to reel in.

One shift we are making to be better stewards of our time and resources is shifting to an electronic newsletter.

Beginning in June, the Good News will be sent via email and will be available on our website. We will continue to mail print copies of the Good News to our shut-ins. For those who do not have email, there will be a limited number of print copies available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. This will reduce our printing, paper and postage fees.

In addition to the electronic version of the Good News, many of you have been receiving our weekly email updates. These weekly emails provide information about our Sunday sermon series, upcoming events and links to our prayer letter.

If you have not received these emails, be sure to share your email address with us. If you have already shared your email with us, be sure to check your spam/junk folder.

God is doing great things in and through First Wayne Street! Now, let's go fishing!

JOIN US IN SAYING ‘WOW’

Schedule announced for June concert series

The music ministry at First Wayne Street UMC is preparing to host its summer WOWs concert series.

Wednesdays on Wayne brings together local musicians and vocalists for a half-hour concert each week in the month of June.

The concerts start at 12:15 pm and take place in the sanctuary.

The artists for this June's concerts have been announced.

June 1: Jonathan and Natalie Young: husband and wife piano and vocal duo

June 8: Geoffrey North: Germanfest organ recital

June 15: Andrew Nesler: senior PFW piano student

June 22: Vivianne Belanger: Fort Wayne Philharmonic flute, accompanied by Geoffrey North

These concerts are free and open to the public.

In addition, the church will be a tour stop for a Cincinnati choir.

Church of the Savior UMC Youth Choir & Youth Handbell Choir, on a mission tour from Cincinnati, will present an hour long worship concert, featuring choral music, handbell music, and drama, with the theme of Alive, based on Galatians 2:20.

June 10th at 7:30 pm, free admission, in the sanctuary. A free-will offering will be collected.

Church welcomes new visitation pastor

On Sunday, April 24, the Staff Parish committee announced that the church had selected a new visitation pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Barry A. Belknap has started in the position and will be available to visit people during hospital visits and those who cannot make it to church services.

Barry was born and raised in Rochester, New York. He earned a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Gordon College (Boston), a Masters of Divinity Degree from Gordon-Conwell Seminary (Boston), and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from McCormick Seminary (Chicago).

His pastorates include Bermuda, Whitesville, West Virginia, Fort Wayne, Huntington, and Fostoria, Ohio.

He served as a Nursing Home Chaplain in North Manchester and Fostoria. He was an administrator at the University of Saint Francis, a grant administrator for the Church of the Brethren, and an adjunct instructor at Purdue Fort Wayne and the University of Saint Francis. He is a Church



of the Brethren pastor.

Barry lives in Fort Wayne with his wife Donna and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Archie. Barry and Donna

have a son, Ian, daughter-in-law, Lauren, and a granddaughter, Thea. Semi-retired, he enjoys woodworking, gardening, hiking, fishing, and watching the Chicago Cubs.



Mission team hosts fundraiser

We are ready to “flip” for mission fundraising!

On May 15, we are hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser. There will be two seatings for the event —9 am and 11 am, so you can join us before service or after.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, and egg casserole.

Funds raised will offset the costs for participants who are joining us in June in Guatemala.

‘Doing all the good we can’



More than 20 members of First Wayne Street UMC will be traveling to Guatemala. The trip is June 11 to 19.

Teams to Mission Guatemala serve in a variety of ways, from constructing bathrooms for under-resourced rural schools to multi-purpose buildings. The goal is to support and serve the families and communities of San Andrés Semetabaj and the surrounding areas.

Mission Guatemala shared that the last two teams to serve in Guatemala were able to do some work out in a small rural village, while also working on projects at the Mission

Guatemala River House (where teams stay).

The mission of the organization is to help meet the basic needs and improve the quality of life of under-served and impoverished Guatemalan peoples through health, education and nutrition initiatives and missionary service.

Poverty affects the majority of Guatemalan citizens. In 2014, the poverty rate estimations were about 60 percent. But even more astounding than this estimate is the fact that today almost 40 percent of the population is affected by extreme poverty, meaning that they live on \$1.50 or less each day.

Mission Guatemala’s vision is to create a Guatemala where:

Children do not die from hunger.

Children, women, and men have access to quality and respectful healthcare, regardless of race, religion, sex, age, or economic status.

Rates of illness and death due to respiratory illnesses and burns from open cook fires in the home becomes a problem of the past.

Families learn the importance of proper nutrition and sanitation.

Mothers and children have access to vitamins and formula.

Water is accessible and safe to drink.

Dental care is no longer a luxury.

Communities decide what services they need and help make them a reality.

Our FWSUMC Foundation today

First and foremost, we encourage each of you to consider the Foundation as part of your financial planning legacy. Gifts made to the FWS Foundation are either designated or undesignated. Gifts of \$25,000 or greater can be set aside for a particular purpose.

There are currently eight designated funds in the Foundation named after the member who made the initial gift. These support maintenance of the organ and bells, scholarships, camperships, mission projects and music. Gifts can be made as cash, stock, life insurance policies, IRAs and even real estate.

All non-designated gifts to the Foundation are deposited in the General Fund.

In recent years the Foundation's annual distribution has been around \$50,000 (5% of the market value of this fund based on the Foundation's spending policy). Half of this distribution is given to the Trustees; the remaining half goes to the Administrative Council.

The distribution to the Trustees allows for planning for long-term projects for the building and parsonage and for emergency repairs outside of the operating budget. The Administrative

Council uses its distribution to aid and assist in the ministry programs of our church.

Foundation brochures are available at the Welcome Center and in the hallway. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Pastor Jason or any of the Board of Directors named in the brochure.

God has blessed us in many ways at First Wayne Street. The Foundation has grown and changed because of the forethought and generosity of our faith community. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

— Peg Candor

Group changes name, mission same

United Methodist Women, nationally, is evolving and rebranding with a new name, United Women in Faith (UWF). Since its beginnings in 1869 as the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the organization has had several name changes to reflect changes in mission focus and the changing roles of women in the church and society. Besides the name change, UWF has a new logo reflecting diversity around a central cross. There is also a new website, UWfaith.org.



United
Women
in Faith

The UWF vision remains: Turning faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth around the world. The core of who we are remains, "We believe love in action can change the

world." If you want to learn more or to join First Wayne Street's UWF, contact UWF president, Tracie Hoffman, 312-9549.

First Wayne Street's UWF (United Women in Faith) invites you to a Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at noon in Fellowship Hall. The program will focus on Prayer and Self-Denial. Join us for a time of fellowship and good food!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office by Friday, May 6, 422-4681.

Let's connect

FACEBOOK

Connect with First Wayne Street. Our Facebook page is the place for current events, inspiration, and more. It's also a way to share our church with your connections. Go to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search First Wayne Street.

YOUTUBE

Stream our weekly worship service. Previous sermons and concert events are also available. Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search First Wayne Street UMC and be sure to subscribe so you don't miss an upload.

WEBSITE

Stay up-to-date with the news at First Wayne Street, as well as learn more about the congregation and building. From the website, you can also access the pastor's blog, event calendar, and online giving platform. Our church website is at FWSUMC.org.

Congregational life

Welcoming new members

If you are interested in becoming or transferring your membership to First Wayne Street, please contact Pastor Jason at the church office or by email (jason.morris@inumc.org).

He will then arrange to meet with you to talk about what membership at First Wayne Street means! We will receive new members on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

Graduation Sunday

Your son or daughter is a significant part of our church family here at First Wayne Street UMC. We as a church are excited to honor what God has done and will continue to do through them.

We want to celebrate their accomplishments during our Graduation Sunday service on May 29. We will recognize high school and college graduates on this day.

There will be a reception for graduates, their families, and the congregation following service.

Please complete the graduate information form, which is available in the church office. You can fill out the form if you are unable to attend the service on May 29. In addition, please send photos of your graduates to kmtruesdell@gmail.com.

Fox Island picnic

Youth, children, and families are invited to a picnic after service May 22 at Fox

Island.

We have a pavilion reserved near the pond, and it will be an opportunity to hang out and enjoy the park.

There will be drinks and snacks. Please bring a sandwich or sack lunch to enjoy.

Family zoo day

First Wayne Street UMC is having a family zoo day!

Church families are invited to join us so at the Fort Wayne Children's zoo on June 26.

We will head to the zoo after the church for an afternoon of fun. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy at the picnic tables.

The cost of admission is covered by the children's fund.

Rummage sale

It's already time to start thinking about collecting items for the Rummage Sale.

The annual sale will be Saturday, July 9.

As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating items to the church! Donations can be dropped off to the church office.

Proceeds from the sale benefit Youth and Children's programming. Robin Hermann and Linda Allen are the co-chairs for this event. Contact them or Audra for more information.

Save the date

The church will be hosting its annual ice

cream social the night of the Three Rivers Festival fireworks.

The event will be Saturday, July 16.

The ice cream social is a family-friendly event that allows us to welcome the community. Be sure to invite your friends to join us.

Stay tuned for more details.

Vacation Bible School

Please save the date for Vacation Bible School this summer! This annual summer event will be July 18 to 21.

First Wayne Street will be partnering with Faith United Methodist Church this year. We are excited for the collaboration and look forward to a fun program this year for children ages Pre-k through 5th grade. As always, lots of volunteers are needed to make this event happen, so please consider volunteering!

Watch for more details to come soon!

About family ministry

We think learning about and serving Jesus should be fun. Children and youth are a priority to us, and we are doing all we can to build into children a love for God, the Church, the Bible, and the World.

Our ministries offer opportunities for faith, fellowship, and service.

There are activities for youth and children during Wednesday night Gather, as well as events planned throughout the year.

Alive outreach, church phone numbers

Pastor Angelo, Chris Lahr and Cynthia Gardner are now hooked up with the church phone system. Their extensions are:

Pastor Angelo – 213; Cynthia – 206. Chris - 131

Church phone extensions

Pastor Jason - 128; Geoffrey North – 125; Audra Reinders –

130; Connie Boren – 122; Cesar Anzaldua – 127

If you call in after hours, you can dial an extension while the message is running and leave a message for a particular person, either for church staff or for Alive Community Outreach.

The church phone number is 422-4681.

Congregational Life

Mission offering

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services is our mission focus for May. Just over fifty years ago, our church was one of five churches that came together to found the organization that is now Wellspring and we have continued to support their work ever since.

Wellspring offers a range of programs including youth after school, older adult programs, clothing shop, and a food bank. In the pandemic they have taken their food bank on the road to multiple locations throughout Allen County with their Wellspring on Wheels (WOW) program.

As we have done in years past, we are raising funds for their Summer Day Camp Program. Wellspring offers a free 6-week summer program that includes physical activity, learning and social support as well as lunch and snacks. Please consider supporting this important ministry serving hundreds of children this summer.

Fishes & Loaves We collected the following 106 cans of fish and 22 boxes of crackers. Thank you to all who participated.

Food cart collection

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center's food pantry. In March, we collected 110.35 lbs. of food.

Praises

Congratulations to Brian and Jennifer Daniels on the birth of their daughter, Alice Ivy Daniels, who was born on Wednesday, March 16. Proud grandparents are Dan & Jane Daniels.

Dear Seekers Sunday School Class,

Thank you for the cards and final exam special care packages! We look forward to the different snacks and treats that you so graciously provide at the end of each semester. They help us as we prepare for our final exams and are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Joshua and Elizabeth Schmidt

My Dear First Wayne Street United Methodist Church Family,

I sincerely appreciate all the phone calls, texts, and cards during one of my most difficult times. Although the loss of any parent or relative is disheartening, the loss of a mother cuts to the core. My mom was amazing!

Sincerely yours,
Madeline Marcelia Garvin

The Family of Geraldine Lenora (Harmon) Garvin wish to thank everyone who assisted with the pleasant Celebration of a dedicated life. They especially want to thank Pastor Jason, Pastor Denise, Cesar and Connie, those who prepared the lunch repast, memorials given to St. Francis and Clark-Atlanta Dr. University (a Methodist university established in 1869), as well as cards sent and expressions of sympathy.

Yours in Christ,
The Garvin Family

Prayer concerns

Our sympathies to Madeline Marcelia Garvin on the death of her mother,

Geraldine Lenora Garvin, who passed away on Friday, March 25.

Our sympathies to Pastor Mark Gilmore on the death of his sister, Karen Gilmore Bylenga, who passed away on Sunday, March 27. Cards may be sent to: 17342 68th Court, Tinley Park, IL 60477

Our sympathies to Sharon Lundquist on the death of her sister, Linda Archer, who passed away on Sunday, April 10.

Devotionals available

The Upper Room devotionals are available in the literature rack by the coat racks.

UWF News

UWF Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, May 3 9:30am, in Room 115.

Lost and Found

Below is a list of items in our Lost and Found. The Lost and Found drawer is located in the bottom drawer of the credenza in the front office (where the coffee maker is).

Please check to see if anything there is yours:

L 10/12 black sweater
Small gray Old Navy vest
Carter's size 6 kids tennis shoes
Small notebook with designer front (has Children's Council agenda in it)
Lady's clip-on earring
Blue notebook

NEW:
4XL Green jacket
Women's XL blue jacket with hood (The North Face brand)

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:30 am Preschool Child Care

9 am Sunday School

10 am Worship (in-person and online)

Monthly Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

4 pm Faith Share

Last night of Gather activities.

Programming will resume in the fall.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day

MONDAY, MAY 9

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 10

11:30 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

4 pm Faith Share

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Good News Deadline

9 am Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

11 am Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

MONDAY, MAY 16

6:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 17

5:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting

6 pm Alive Support Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

4 pm Faith Share

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7 pm Scholarship Committee

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Noon Youth and families at Fox Island

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Good News Folders (pm)

11:30 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Good News Mailers (am)

4 pm Faith Share

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Graduation Sunday

MONDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day – Office closed

ANNIVERSARIES

May 1: Bob & Linda Floyd, Mike & Barb Harris

May 3: Eric & Mary Ehlers, John & Diane Kinnaley

May 8: Gary & Greta Hall

May 9: Keith Mooneyhan & Jane Brauchla-Mooneyhan

May 10: Russell & Nancy DiNovo

May 17: Joe & Pam Reese, Tyler & Cayla

May 18: Brian & Karen Francisco, Adam & Audra Reinders

May 19: Ryan & Shari Stark

May 23: Mel & Donna Hochstetler

May 27: Jim & Margaret McKay

May 30: Dan & Jane Daniels

May 31: Berry & Christine Weaver

Birthdays

May 1: Linda Floyd

May 3: Dick Bugher, Deb Metzger

May 4: Jackson Davis

May 5: Sarah Colvin

May 6: Nathan Hofherr, Shirley Horton

May 8: Jan Hyde, Joshua Schmidt

May 11: Melissa Norton

May 12: Christine Weaver

May 14: Kristen Bayman

May 15: Jacoby Mooneyhan

May 16: Allyson Fortman, Tracie Hoffman, Jonathan Miller

May 17: Linda Allen, Phillip Clelland, Brent Leuthold, Jason Schiffli

May 18: Spencer Bailey

May 19: Cindy Ford, Dick Moon

May 22: Mae Belle Havens

May 23: Samantha Morris

May 24: Lois Huffer, Isabella Wynn

May 26: Annabel North

May 28: Kay Robbins, Matt Wynn

May 29: Emily Morris, Judy Overholt, Michael Redding

May 30: Brayden Hogle, Deb Holbrook

May 31: Bryan Gibson

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Director of Congregational Life & Nurture:
Audra Reinders

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